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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Dear Sir:

Supplemental to the Information Disclosure Statement filed April 7, 2005, Applicants are enclosing Form PTO-1449 and copies of DE 40 31 819, DE 198 37 471, DE 37 39 927, DE 37 10 518 and GB 2 347 730 which were cited in Applicants' April 7, 2005 Information Disclosure Statement and the International Search Report, but which the Examiner had indicated that he had not considered because legible copies of these foreign patent documents had not been submitted. Applicants believe that these references should have been provided by the International Office. Nevertheless, they are being re-submitted herewith.

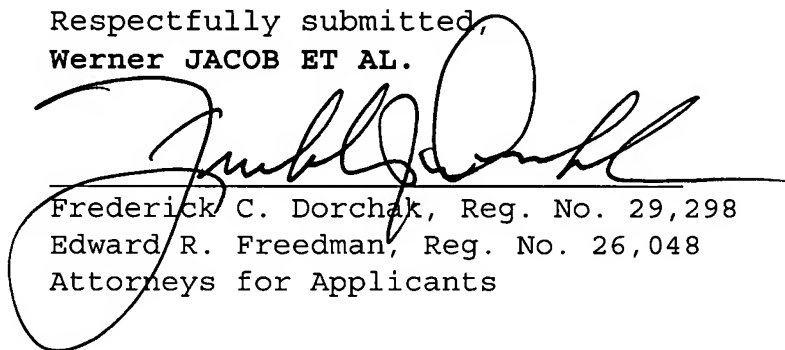
U.S. Patent No. 5,221,233 is the English-language equivalent of DE 40 31 819, and GB 2 203 220 is the English-Language equivalent of DE 37 10 518. DE 198 37 471 A was cited as category Y in the International Search Report, and DE 37 39 927 was cited as category A in the International Search Report. Nevertheless, these documents appear to be of minor relevance with respect to Applicants' invention, as neither disclose a joint having first and

second running grooves running in opposite directions, as defined in Applicants' present claim 1. Thus, although these documents refer to a joint with an inner hub comprising several elements, these elements do not have first and second running grooves as defined in claim 1.

It is respectfully requested that the foregoing Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) be incorporated into the official file of the present patent application. A check in the amount of \$180.00 is enclosed to cover the fee for filing Supplemental IDS and the commissioner of Patents and Trademarks is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, or to credit any overpayments, in connection with this IDS towards Deposit Account No. 03-2468.

Respectfully submitted,
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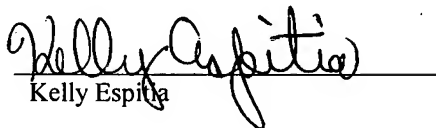
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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

EXAMINER INITIALS		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
	AA	5,221,233	06/19 93	Jacob (ISR) (= DE 40 31 819)			
	AB						
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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION	
							YES	NO
	AF	2 203 220 A	10/1998	GREAT BRITAIN (ISR) (= DE 37 10 518)				
	AG	40 31 819 C1	03/1992	GERMANY (ISR) (w/English Abstract) (= US 5,221,233)				
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	AI	37 39 927 A1	06/1989	GERMANY (ISR) (w/English Abstract)				
	AJ	37 10 518 C1	07/1988	GERMANY (ISR) (w/English Abstract) (= GB 2 203 220)				
	AK	2 347 730 A	09/2000	GREAT BRITAIN (ISR)				

OTHER REFERENCES (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

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